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PATENT

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In Application of

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For: SEMICONDUCTOR MEMORY AND CONTROLLING METHOD THEREOF

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Mail Stop Restriction Requirement
Commissioner for Patents
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action, issued on September 8, 2003, in which claims 1-16 are subject to restriction and/or election. Specifically, Applicant is required to elect a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits. The purported species are those of Figs. 1 and 2, Figs. 4 and 5, Fig. 6, Figs. 8 and 9, Figs. 11, 12 and 13, Fig. 14, and Fig. 15, respectively. In response, Applicant elects the species of Figs. 11, 12 and 13 and identify claim 6 as reading on the elected species.

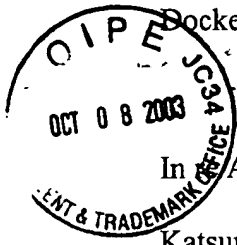
To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including

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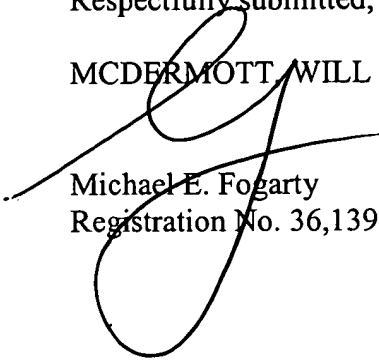
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Respectfully submitted,

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